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Introducing Washington State's Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice.

Washington State is a national leader on juvenile justice and continues to foster innovative ideas and best practices in the area of juvenile justice. In tough economic times it is imperative that we work across system lines to collaborate on behalf of our most vulnerable youth. To that end, the Governor's Office has established the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice through Executive Order 10-03.

The Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice will be convened by the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, Susan N. Dreyfus, and chaired by Liz Mueller, Vice-Chair of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Its membership is comprised of state, local, judicial, and private/non-profit leaders who have extensive experience and knowledge in juvenile justice and are able to affect or influence system reform. The membership also includes youth representation to ensure the youth voice is included in the reform effort.

As Washington State embarks on a new approach to advance juvenile justice system reform, Secretary Dreyfus said, "Our youth are the present and future of this wonderful state. The Partnership Council will assist the state in providing leadership in the area of juvenile justice for Washington. Collaboration and partnerships are key to shaping efficient and effective best practices and policies for our youth. I look forward to working with our chair, Liz Mueller and the talented members of the Partnership Council."

The Partnership Council will work on important issues to include:

- Providing support for its members in influencing the implementation of innovative reforms and best practices within their communities and organizations;
- Enhancing multi-system collaboration and coordination among juvenile justice, child welfare, education, mental health and related systems in which Washington's children, youth and families are involved;
- Ensuring that across Washington state, evidence-based and promising practices are replicated and administered in a culturally competent manner that adheres to program fidelity;

- Recommending and influencing the adoption and implementation of system reforms and best practices to improve Washington’s compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; and
- Developing recommendations for innovative juvenile justice reform, best practices, quality improvement, and accountability and strategies for their implementation in the systems and communities from which the members come.

Through collaborative leadership and direction, the Partnership Council will be charged to provide a strong, proactive role, recommending innovative juvenile justice reforms and best practices for implementation. The Partnership Council’s appointees are:

WASHINGTON STATE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE MEMBERS

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Bonnie Bush	Ivan Gaskin	Estela Ortega
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Destiny Drayton	John Lum	Dr. Eric Trupin
Secretary Susan Dreyfus	Judge Raquel Montoya-Lewis	Maurice Ward
David Edler	Liz Mueller	Kelly Williams
	Martin Mueller	

Liz Mueller, chair of the Partnership Council said, “I am honored to serve as chair and look forward to working alongside Secretary Dreyfus and the committed leaders on juvenile justice in Washington. In this challenging economy, our youth and their families need us more than ever. I look forward to serving our youth in Washington.”

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